Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): What was the difficulty to issue a new Order until the new Rules came into force?

Mr. President: The more important difficulty was the want of time. We have to give notice for the holding of the Council, a separate meeting before the budget session for the purpose of enabling the members to take their oath and to elect the Standing Finance Committee Members. For all these, before the budget session, we had no time.

JOINT STOCK COMPANIES IN THE STATE.

143. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:--

(*a*) the total number of Joint Stock Companies in the State;

(*b*) the names of Companies which have not filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies the report of the general meeting which were to be held in 1112 and 1113;

(*c*) the names of Companies, if any, which have not filed any report or proceedings during the last 3 years?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 219 Companies at the close of 1112.

(*b*) Under the Companies Act, no report of the General Meeting is to be filed with the Registrar.

(*c*) The St. Joseph's Bank, Ltd., Ernakulam.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Is not the balance-sheet generally filed with the Registrar?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Does not the balance-sheet form part of the proceedings of the general meeting?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say whether it actually forms part of the proceedings or not. It may form part.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): With reference to (*c*) is this the only bank which has not filed any report during the last 3 years?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): So far as the balance-sheet is concerned, that is the only bank.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Has the Vaniampara Rubber Co., filed their balance-sheet?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): What is the action taken by Government regarding the St. Joseph's Bank?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Action is being taken at present. Its affairs have been in confusion for some years now, from the year 1108, I think. There was a petition in the Anjikaimal District Court for winding up of this bank. The proceedings continued till the year 1110 or 1111. In the mean time, the Registrar wanted to inspect, but he was prevented by a stay-order of the Court. But after the liquidator is appointed, the action is being taken now.

LABOUR STRIKE—AMBALLUR.

144. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to

(*a*) give a succinct account of the recent labour strike at the Cochin Textiles, Ltd., at Amballur;

(*b*) what action was taken by the Government;

(*c*) was any action taken by the Hon'ble Minister?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) A few workmen left the Mills on 28th Edavam 1113 as they were dissatisfied with the wages. The question was closed with the mills. But these workmen and their outside leaders persuaded some others to join issues with them. The mills then reduced the work from two shifts to one. Discussions were fruitless as those connected with the trouble had no clear idea of their grievances. Meanwhile the grievances were reduced to print, the most important of which was increase in wages in all departments. The mills could not accept this as there was no case for an increase. On 8th Mithunam 1113 some members of the Legislative Council and other public gentlemen intervened and requested the management to reconsider their position (but not on its merits). The management acceded and announced a 5% increase. From 9th Mithunam 1113 two shifts were resumed.

(*b*) No action was taken by Government.

(*c*) No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): What do you mean by "the question was closed with the mills"?

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